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The GRUMBLER.

By Squire GIZZARD.

Quis novus hic noſtris ſucceſſit ſedibus hoſpes!
Virg.

From *Friday* May 6. to *Tueſday* May 10. 1715.

I Have been to blame, that I have not all this while acquainted my Friends with my Removal from the *Temple*. Through my Negligence in this particular, I muſt have loſt a great many Viſits, and conſequently a great variety of Intelligence. Be it therefore known by theſe Preſents to all Men of Wit and Learning, and to all diſcontented Perſons of both Sexes, that I *Anthony Gizzard*, Eſq; the *London Grumbler*, have fixed my Habitation upon *Tower-Hill*, ſince the fourth of *April*. I find the Air here very brisk and pure, and wonderfully clears the Head: I know there are a great many Perſons, eſpecially of late, who have taken up an Averſion to this Quarter; but from the Number of hearty old People in this Neighbourhood, I am perſwaded, an honeſt Man, of a ſound Conſtitution, may live to as great an Age here, as upon *Hampſtead-Heath*, *Highgate-Hill*, or any other Eminence.

But I muſt own, it was not the Wholeſomeneſs of the Air, nor the delightful Proſpect of the River, that induced me to ſettle here, but the natural Love I bear to the Noiſe of great Guns, and the Roaring of Lions. The latter of which I may call the Vocal, and the former the Inſtrumental *Grumblers* of the *Tower*. The rough Muſick is my delight; it rouſes my Spirit, and has already made a ſenſible Change in my Style and Manner of Writing. When the hoarſe Conſort plays, my whole Grumbling Faculties break out in their full Vigour; and there is no Truth ſo bold, but I dare ſpeak it.

(Price Two-Pence.)

My truſty Friend Mr. *Wilkins* came early this Morning to make me a Viſit at my new Lodgings, and brought with him the following Letters, which I think myſelf obliged to communicate to the Publick. The one of them may be of uſe to no ſmall Number of my Countrymen; the other may do a ſignal Service to a fair Lady; and the third will be of great Advantage to myſelf.

To ANTHONY GIZZARD, *Eſq;*

May 4.

SIR;

'I Was laſt Night in Company with a Set of 'eminent Lawyers, where your Brother *Li-'onel*'s Letter was read, and gave great ſatisfacti-'on to us all. We drank Proſperity to the Fa-'mily of the *Gizzards*; and after having diſcuſſed 'the Points of *High-Treaſon* more at large, we 'thought it not improper to ſend you a ſhort Sup-'plement upon *Attainders*, in order to rectify the 'miſtaken Notions of ſome Perſons on that Head, 'who talk in Coffee-houſes without Book.

'Your Brother has very briefly and diſtinctly 'ſet forth the Law of *Treaſons* in general; but 'we are of Opinion, he ſhould have been a little 'more particular upon the Nature of *Bills* of '*Attainder*, which the People, through Ignorance, 'look upon as Innovations in the *Laws*, to the 'prejudice of the Subjects Safety.

'*Bills*

'*Bills* of *Attainder* are ſo far from being Innovations in the *Law*, that in our Books we meet with no other Method of Proceeding for theſe Two Hundred and Fifty Years, by which Men have been condemned for *High-Treaſon* in Parliament. *Attainders* were ſubſtituted in the room of *Impeachments*, as a much more ſummary Procedure, leſs liable to Chicanes and Diſputes, and more advantageous to the Perſon accuſed.

'In *Impeachments* of *High-Treaſon* the Commons are the Accuſers, the Lords are the Judges, and the King at preſent has not the Power of Pardon; ſo that the Offender, in this way of Trial, muſt be abſolutely acquitted or condemned by the Determination of the *Lords*.

'But in the Caſe of a *Bill* of *Attainder*, the Party is firſt heard before the Houſe of Commons; then before the Houſe of Peers; and notwithſtanding theſe two Branches of the Legiſlature ſhould find him Guilty, the Royal Aſſent is neceſſary before their Judgment can take place, and paſs into an Act.

'At the End of all Acts of *Attainder*, there is a Clauſe inſerted, *That the ſaid Attainder ſhall be no Precedent*; the miſunderſtanding of which, has given ignorant and unthinking Men a Prejudice to ſuch *Bills*; imagining that the Parliament does by that Form, in ſome meaſure, condemn their own Proceedings. Whereas it is evident by the Body of every ſuch *Act*, that the Intention of ſuch a Clauſe, is only to preclude inferiour Courts of Judicature from drawing ſuch Parliamentary Precedents into Practice; a Power which they frequently uſurped till the *Stat. 1 P. & M.*

I am, &c.

BIBLIOTHECA BODLEIANA

Honoured Sir,

'I Am a Virgin of Twenty Nine Years of Age; 'I have Two Thouſand Pounds to my Portion; my Reputation is unblemiſhed; my Temper is obliging; and my Perſon far from diſagreeable; yet I have never to this Day been asked the Queſtion. Have not I reaſon to *Grumble*? If my Friends do not ſoon prevail upon ſome Body to ask me, I ſhall ſet them a *grumbling* in their Turn: I will beſtow myſelf upon ſome Half-Pay Officer, or rather than fail, upon ſome Country Attorney. I hope my Friends will take this as a fair Warning, eſpecially, if you let them know that I got the aſſiſtance of a Gentleman to give you this Account from

SIR,

Your moſt humble Servant,

Hackney, April 28. 1715. WINIFRED HARMLESS.

Squire GIZZARD,

'I Send this to encourage you. In ſhort, I 'have calculated the Nativity of your Paper; and I pronounce, That it will live. I foreſee the diſappearing of a whole Fry of inſipid Papers, upon your vouchſafing to *Grumble* twice a Week. Some of the well-meaning Authors, that now importune the Town, will, in a little Time, think it Honour enough to have a brighter Thought than ordinary obtain a Place in your Paper; and you will have ſuch a Number of Correſpondents, that you muſt be forced to drop ſeveral Things which would make a very good Figure in an ordinary Entertainment.

'You will ------ But it is not yet Time to tell you all I know. Neither do I yet think it proper to inform you, by what Rules of Art I have made this Diſcovery. I foretold Mr. *Bickerſtaff*'s Glory, when it dawn'd in his firſt Paper.

'The only Favour I requeſt from you, is, that you would be pleaſed to Advertize me in your Papers, as a Perſon qualified to tell the Fortune of Authors. Let me underſtand the Subject and Language of a Performance, or not underſtand it, I have an infallible Method of judging whether it will take. My Price is Half a Guinea, which, conſidering the Charge of ſeveral new-invented Inſtruments, neceſſary in this Buſineſs, cannot be thought unreaſonable. My Hours are from Nine in the Morning to Twelve. I diſpach the moſt voluminous Author in four Minutes and fifteen Seconds. I am,

SIR,

Your moſt obedient Servant

From my Houſe at Lilly's *Head in* Moorfields. April 26. 1715. N. TROTTER.

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